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Michael J. Fleischacker, ASLA, RLA, LEED AP  
Associate Professor and Chair  
Department of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Sciences  
Delaware Valley University  
Doylestown, PA

Dear Professor Fleischacker:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its July 20-21, 2017 meeting granted initial accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the first professional BSLA degree at Delaware Valley University. This status is subject to review of a satisfactory progress report to be submitted by June 1, 2020 and annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends June 30, 2023. Accordingly, the BSLA program is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2023.

In making its decision, LAAB considered the program's self-evaluation report, the visiting team report, the institution's response to the team report, and discussions with team members and program faculty.

Enclosed is a list of recommendations affecting accreditation and considerations for improvements (to be responded to in the progress report). This list was developed by LAAB from the materials reviewed during the meeting.

On behalf of the visiting team, I would like to thank you for the hospitality extended to them by the faculty, staff, and students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ned Crankshaw".

Ned Crankshaw, ASLA  
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Maria Gallo, Ph.D., President

**Delaware Valley University  
BSLA Program  
LAAB Meeting  
July 20-21, 2017**

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendations Affecting Accreditation**

1. Anticipated retirement of two senior faculty and replacement of them with faculty with landscape architecture degrees is essential to achieve requisite FTE faculty numbers for the accreditation standard of 5 FTE faculty with landscape architecture credentials for programs seeking re-accreditation (Standard 2).

**Considerations for Improvement**

1. The program should consider updating the draft strategic plan and coordinate with the business plan (Standard 1).
2. The program should consider providing additional help to the staff member servicing the five units including the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Sciences (Standard 2).
3. The program should consider developing studio projects into more completely detailed design solutions (Standard 3).
4. Continue to maintain Program alumni registry and update as often as required (Standard 6).
5. The program should consider promoting monetary donations directly to the Program in support of its mission (Standard 6).